

April 26, 2020

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AMC
arthur mennonite church

710 East Park Street // Arthur, Illinois 61911 // 217-543-2781

Welcome!

First-time Guests

- We are glad you are here!
- Need more info about AMC? Speak with a member of the ministry team or visit our website.
- Nursery is available for children 5 and under.
- Buddy bags for older children are in the foyer.
- Large print hymnals are available.

WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Prelude singing begins at 10:20 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDU 9:30 A.M.

ADULTS

Justice & The Prophets Fell. Hall
Bible Book Study: Romans Room 1
Stories of the Bible Room 5

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH (GRADES 9-12)

The Screwtape Letters ~ Youth House

JR HIGH YOUTH (GRADES 6-8)

Shine On ~ Youth House

PRIMARY KIDS (AGE 2—GRADE 5)

Shine On ~ West Basement

AMC'S VISION

Arthur Mennonite Church will be a courageous people guided by God to rely on Christian practices and to deepen our intergenerational relationships.

We will use a spectrum of spiritual gifts and embrace our welcoming atmosphere to show God's love through our actions and fearlessly share his gospel with words.

Grow Like Mary, Serve Like Martha

CONNECT

arthurmennonite.org
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MINISTERS

All of Jesus' Followers here at AMC

MINISTRY TEAM

Glen Rhodes (Team Leader)
Administration, Worship & Community Life

Jeff Marner: *Discipling & Youth*
Lamar Miller: *Outreach*



Welcome Visitors! Are you interested in learning more about AMC? We would like to get to know you as well. Please fill this out, tear it off, and put in the offering plate this morning as it is passed. This can also be used for weekly prayer requests and answered prayer.

Name _____

I would like more info. about:

Address: _____

Adult/Child ministries _____

Phone: _____

Small Groups _____

Email: _____

Bible Studies _____

Ages of Children: _____

Service Opportunities _____

Prayer Request/Answered Prayer _____

DISCIPLING

AMC Primary Sunday School Online again this Sunday

The Primary Department Sunday School is having a Zoom meeting with all the children and teachers again this Sunday at 9:30 am. Call or text Rhonda Rhodes if you do not get an invite and would like to be included in this weekly time of connecting, and learning in Jesus.



The AMC Kids have been connecting on Zoom

Purpose Magazine Will Cease Production

MennoMedia recently announced that due to the effects of COVID-19 and falling sales they will be stopping production of the Purpose magazine after the August issue. They also announced that their bulletin series for churches is going to be discontinued after August as well. They will continue to publish the Adult Bible Study, Shine curriculum, and release the new hymnal this fall.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Cancellations and Other information

The AMC Ministry Team and others will continue to monitor the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 virus on a weekly basis. All church gatherings are cancelled for this weekend and through this next week. We will make a decision on following weeks and communicate that to everyone by Wednesday of each week. If you have any questions please call the church office.



For those who have access to the internet and social media, we will be streaming a service on Facebook Live and Instagram at 10:30 am Sunday morning. These videos will also be posted to our website following the livestream. While it may be a bit different from week to week it will at least provide us a way to worship and direct our prayers to God during this time.

During this unprecedented time let's stay in touch with each other via phone calls, emails, live video meetings, etc. Do not give in to worry and panic, but instead find ways to connect with the Lord and each other. God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in times of trouble. God Bless you all!

COMMUNITY LIFE

Mother's Day Salad Supper Cancelled

The AMC Community Life Commission has decided to cancel this year's Mother's Day Salad Supper due to the current restrictions on large gatherings. While this is very unfortunate Community Life encourages you to make Mother's Day very special this year even in this situation.

Reach Out/Send a Card

During these times of staying home how about we reach out to our senior citizens and those who live alone. Give them a call, send them a card, and let them know you are thinking of them.

Birthdays This Week

Galen Tully	Sunday, April 26
Lamar (Nadine) Miller	Friday, May 1
Carol Yoder	Saturday, May 2



No Anniversaries This Week

PRAYER LIST

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4:2

Praying for our Church and Community

- Praise Report! Roger Schrock (Delmar & Kenny's dad) has now recovered from Covid-19 and has been released.
- Lela Reynolds - Fell and fractured her wrist. Needs a cast to heal.
- Praise! Gloria Yoder has finished all treatments and is cancer free!
- Esther Yoder fell and broke her other hip. (now in Arthur Home).
- Extended family members of AMCers battling cancer/health
- Janice Thomas' daughter Jana DeLong (health issues, major surgery)
- Delilah England - Currently has Bell's Palsy
- Pray for us to learn how to handle this new situation we are in.

Praying for our Nation and World

- Coronavirus outbreak around the world. Pray for a cure and calm.
- African plague of locusts that are destroying crops and farms.
- Those affected by recent tornadoes and economic concerns.
- AMC Supported missionaries around the world

ADMINISTRATION

Tithes & Offerings During This Time

Since we are not able to worship together during this time, the AMC Administration Commission has recommended several ways to give tithes and offerings.

1. You can mail them to the church mailbox at 710 E. Park St., Arthur, IL 61911
2. You can stop by and put your offering envelope/check in the treasurer's box here at church if you get out to get groceries.
3. You can give on the church website through Paypal, but a small percentage of that will go to Paypal and not to the church.

Please use offering envelopes if you have them so that your giving can be recorded. Thank you for supporting the church and AMC ministries through this difficult time.

New Anabaptist/Mennonite Publication

The Mennonite World Review newspaper and The Mennonite magazine are joining together this fall to start a new publication called "Anabaptist World: Mennonite News, Inspiring Stories." They are currently looking for a new executive director for this publication.



LAST SUNDAY

Attendance

Worship No Onsite Service
Facebook Live at 10:30 am

Offering

Sunday, April 19 \$4,028
Building Fun \$282

See Administration Section above
for ways to give during this time.

2020 Weekly Goal \$4,559
Budget Goal YTD -24%

Fellowship Meal - May 3

DuWayne & Karen M./Lonnie P.
Lynn M./ Jamison M./
Andy & Nancy P.

Sunday Arthur Home Service

All Cancelled at this time

REMINDERS

Nursery

Cancelled for this Time

Visitor This Week:

No visitors during this time

Fellowship Groups (organizers for April)

Pathfinders: Kevin & Lyndora M.

Legacy: Matt & Jacque L.

Homebuilders: Larry & Dory K.

Care 'n Share: Feb. - Apr.

Bertha Y., Phyllis K., Willis & Dee K.,
Lela R., Faye O.

Next Tues. Arthur Home Service

April 14 - Cancelled

OUTREACH

AMC Help & Assistance

Dear Arthur Mennonite Church Family,

We hope this letter finds you well. As we move forward in this time of social distancing and state mandates, we realize that it can be difficult for many families, emotionally and financially. With this said, we also understand that some in our congregational family may be facing hardships as well.

From our current AMC outreach funds, each family receiving this letter will receive \$50 per person, including children, upon acceptance. If you feel this gift is not needed in your home, there is also an option to “donate back”. In choosing to donate this money back, it will then be dispersed among our families who have accepted and need it. This will increase the overall amount per person as it is dispersed.

We ask that you make your decision known on or before May 1st, in order for checks to be sent out. Please contact one of the outreach members with your answer, whether you accept or would like to donate back. We assure you that your decision to accept or donate back will be kept in confidentiality. You will find contact information below.

Emily Kauffman: 217-259-3821 Jenni Marner: 217-460-1366
Lamar Miller: 217-369-8237 Bob Plank: 217-508-7905

If you feel led to donate additional funds for future disbursements, please contact Lamar Miller.

Thank you and God Bless, Your AMC Family

Keeping Up



- Thank you to Dorothy Kauffman who recently repainted the church nursery. It will look nice and fresh when the children return to church.
- LeAnne Tully’s daughter Erin Taylor, was named Teacher of the Year last week at her elementary school in Indiana. Congratulations!

Just For Fun



I can’t believe it. I just called the police to report my neighbor trying to attach a jet engine to a deer. People will do anything to make a quick buck these days.



YOUTH GROUP

HS YOUTH **Upcoming**

Zoom Group Chat
The Good Gospel
April 29 @ 7:00



JRYOUTH **Upcoming**

Zoom Group Chat
Jonah
May 3 @ 3:00

ReGen 2020 Convention

Registration for Evana's 2020 summer convention ReGen is in full swing right now. The forms are in your mailboxes and need to be completed and returned to Jeff's mailbox so that he may fill out the online forms by April 30. For more specific info you may check your email or reach out to Jeff directly. 273-5089

We ask that all parents of JrYouth & HSYouth please check your emails regularly for up-to-date information.

WORSHIP

This Sunday's Online Message

Glen will be sharing a message on Facebook and Instagram Live this Sunday from Joel 2:12-15 titled "Return To The Lord Your God." With all that is going on in our world right now, we must seek the Lord, pray often, and perhaps fast as a way to draw us closer to God.

Community VBS Plans For This Summer

Statement from the VBS Committee: "Due to the current situation in our country and community, the Arthur Community VBS committee has decided to postpone 2020 VBS to a later date, as well as change it to a ONE DAY format. No exact date has been determined, but it will be a Wednesday or Thursday in mid-late July. This is uncharted territory for us and VBS in general. We hope to have your prayers, support, and grace as we prepare for a new format. We will continue with our current theme, Knights of the North Castle, to help the children of this community learn more about putting on the full Armor of God. Please watch for more updates soon!"



TODAY IN WORSHIP

Today's Message: "Return To The Lord Your God"

Message: Glen Rhodes Scripture: Joel 2:12-15

Scripture Readings: 2 Chronicles 7:13-16; Matthew 6:16-18

Order of Online Service

Opening Words & Prayer

Call To Worship

Children's Time

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Prayer

Tune in on Facebook Live and Instagram Live at 10:30am on Sunday to join us online for the Message.

If you would like prayer, contact a ministry team member or contact the church.

Sermon Questions

For Thought & Discussion

- ◆ How does the word "return" speak to you during this time? Return to what?
- ◆ Where have you been complacent in your spiritual walk or relationship with Jesus?
- ◆ What can you do to restore, return, or refresh your commitment to God?

◆ Take It Further:

Listen to what the Lord might be speaking to you this week. Are you being called to Prayer? Fasting? Bible Study? Helping others? Being still and quiet? Singing?

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Joel 2:32

Worship Notes

Snapshot of the Week



Jennifer and Jaxson Plank had a King and Queen tea party this past week in their home. Their mom Nancy was referred to as "the maid."